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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Currently Amended) <u>An apparatus</u>, <u>In a distributed computing system</u> comprising:

 a client coupled to a plurality of resources <u>and computing tasks</u> on <u>servers located on a</u>

 network₇: <u>and</u>
- a system to control client access to such said plurality of resources and computing tasks on servers, comprising: the system including
- a database to store ene or more a policy criteria associated with a user;

 a license manager to generate ene or more tokens a token according to an allocated access session based on said policy criteria associated with the user; and a server based token monitor to initiate and terminate access of server resources and server computing tasks access according to said generated token.
- 2. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> system of claim 1, wherein the allocated access session is based on said policy criteria associated with said <u>plurality of resources</u>.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> eystem of claim 1, wherein the policy criteria is <u>includes</u> a combination of different policy criterion.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> eystem of claim 1, wherein ene or more <u>said</u> allocated access session is associated with the user.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus system of claim 1, wherein the token monitor

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further comprises includes a criteria evaluator that notifies the token monitor if said criteria is triggered.

- 6. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> system of claim 5, wherein the criteria evaluator is <u>includes</u> a calendar and said criterion triggered is <u>includes</u> a specific period including <u>at least</u> one member selected from the group consisting of a certain day of the <u>a</u> week, a certain day of the <u>a</u> month, a certain month, a certain week, or a certain number of days.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> system of claim 5, wherein the criteria evaluator is <u>includes</u> a counter and said criterion triggered is a <u>includes</u> at least one number including <u>selected from the group consisting of a number of user access, a number of files produced, a number of files saved, or and a number of pages printed.</u>
- 8. (Currently Amended) The <u>apparatus</u> system of claim 5, wherein the criteria evaluator is <u>includes</u> a timer and said criterion triggered is a <u>includes</u> at least one time including <u>selected</u> from the group consisting of a time of day, a time interval in a day, or <u>and a specific time on a specific day.</u>
- (Currently Amended) The of <u>apparatus</u> system claim 1, further comprises <u>comprising</u> a secondary access database that provides for token creation when initial allocated access session <u>s(s)</u> are depleted.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The of <u>apparatus</u> system claim 1, further semprises comprising a notification component to alert the user when initial allocated access session s(s) reach a preselected level.

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11. (Currently Amended) In a distributed computing system, a A method for managing user access to server resources and/or server computing tasks on a distributed computing system network comprising the steps of:

by a system administrator, wherein said <u>one or more server resource and/or server computing</u>

task access session s(e) are assigned to a specific user and stored on a database;

verifying a user resource request from the specific user against its associated assigned server resource and/or server computing task access sessions(s) by a license manager; and

generating a token corresponding to said <u>server</u> resource <u>and/or server computing task</u> access session <u>s(s)</u> for the <u>specific</u> user by said license manager, wherein the token enables <u>through a server based token manager</u>, the <u>specific</u> user to <u>initiate</u> access <u>said of server</u> resources <u>and/or server computing tasks</u> as well as terminate access of server resources and/or server computing tasks on the distributed computing system network.

- 12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the creation of resource access session <u>s(s)</u> is based on user licensing criteria.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the creation of resource access session s(s) is based on application licensing criteria.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of creating secondary resource access session <u>s(s)</u> for token generation when initial resource access session <u>s(s)</u> are depleted.

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- 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the token generated enables resource access for a segment of the <u>a</u> whole resource access session.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, further comprising generating a new token when access for said segment access is depleted and additional access remains in the whole resource access session.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of:

 notifying the specific user when initial resource access session s(s) reaches a preselected level; and

 renewing by the specific user said initial resource access session s(s).
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the <u>specific</u> user utilizes a secondary access session(s).
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising the steps of: monitoring a license criterion of said token; and terminating user access when said license criterion is triggered.